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## **TWO INDICTED FOR ASBESTOS OFFENSES**

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on January 19, 2007, a federal grand jury returned an Indictment against **CHARLES POWELL**, age 63, formerly of East Saint Louis, Illinois, and **ISAIAH NEWTON**, age 55, of East Saint Louis, Illinois. The Indictment alleges eight Clean Air Act violations related to the removal and disposal of asbestos from the Spivey Building in East Saint Louis. The Indictment also charges **POWELL** and **NEWTON** with conspiracy to commit violations of the Clean Air Act. Each count carries a statutory penalty of up to five (5) years' imprisonment, a fine of up to \$250,000, and up to three (3) years' supervised release.

**CHARLES POWELL** and **ISAIAH NEWTON** *are presumed innocent of the charges unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt to the satisfaction of a jury.*

The Indictment follows an investigation conducted by the Illinois State Police, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The prosecution of the case is being handled by Assistant United States Attorneys Jennifer Hudson and Kevin F. Burke.